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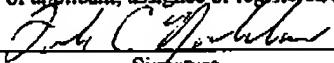
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In re patent application of: )  
STEVEN M. FRENCH, ET AL. ) Examiner: ELAMIN, A. I.  
Serial No.: 09/844,395 )  
Filed: APRIL 27, 2001 ) Group Art Unit: 2116  
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR )  
DELAYED BOOTING OF A TARGET DEVICE )  
IN A NETWORK ENVIRONMENT )

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 18, 2004**

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